

Lesson 72 - Jesus Talks to Father

Aim

- * To know that God had a plan for Father's life
- * To know that God has a plan for our lives

Materials

- * Pictures of Jesus, Father and mountains
- * Glue, glitter, display paper
- * Pictures from the Bible of God's chosen people

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. Jesus spoke to Father
3. God has a plan for our lives
4. Activity - Make a picture
5. Review lesson aims
6. Prayer

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1) Introduction

- * Where does God live? He lives in the spirit world. Who else lives there? Angels live there and all the people in the past who once lived on earth. God made us so that we live in two worlds. First on the earth, then in the spirit world. Heaven is a place in spirit world where God lives. It is a very beautiful and happy place, filled with God's love. But first we have to live our lives on earth and learn to grow in God's love.
- * In the Bible there are stories of when God sent angels to people on earth to give messages. An angel appeared to Mary to tell her she would have a baby called Jesus. Angels appeared to the shepherds to tell them that Jesus had been born. Angels told Jacob in a dream that God had chosen him. And God spoke through a burning bush, to tell Moses God had chosen him to free his people.
- * Jesus lived long ago and now lives in the spirit world. Sometimes Jesus appears to people on earth to give a message from God. Today's story is about the time Jesus appeared to Father and gave him a message.

2) Jesus spoke to Father

- * One morning, when he was only 16 years old, Father climbed a mountain and prayed. It was Easter morning. Father was thinking very much about Jesus, when suddenly Jesus appeared and spoke to him. He told Father that he had been chosen by God to continue Jesus' work. Jesus was chosen by God to change this world into a world of happiness, love and peace. We call this the

kingdom of heaven on earth. But he couldn't do this while on earth. Now, God had chosen Sun Myung Moon.

- * At first Father said he couldn't do it. He was only 16 years of age. He was no one special. Who would listen to him? Jesus asked him again and again Father said he couldn't do it. Then Jesus asked a third time. He said that if he didn't do this there was no one else. He was chosen. God was very sad, because people in the world were fighting so much. Someone needed to help God change the world. Finally Father said yes.

3) God has a plan for our lives

God chose Father, because he had a plan for his life. Because Father said yes, God could work through him to teach people about God and to learn how to love others. But God has a plan for our lives too. God gives each one of us special gifts to help make a better world. What gifts do you have? Ask God what you can do to make a better world. Everyone of us is special to God. If we ask God to help us He will.

5) Activities

- * Make a picture - Cut out the pictures and words. Paste them together to make a picture of Jesus talking to Father on the mountain. Sprinkle glitter around Jesus to make him shine.
- * Angel Craft - Make an angel out of paper to remind the children that angels give messages from God.

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triangle of construction paper
circle of construction paper
circle of white paper or a paper doily
glue
glitter glue, sequins or sparkles

Instructions:

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Glue doily to the back of the triangle.
Glue circle to the top of the triangle

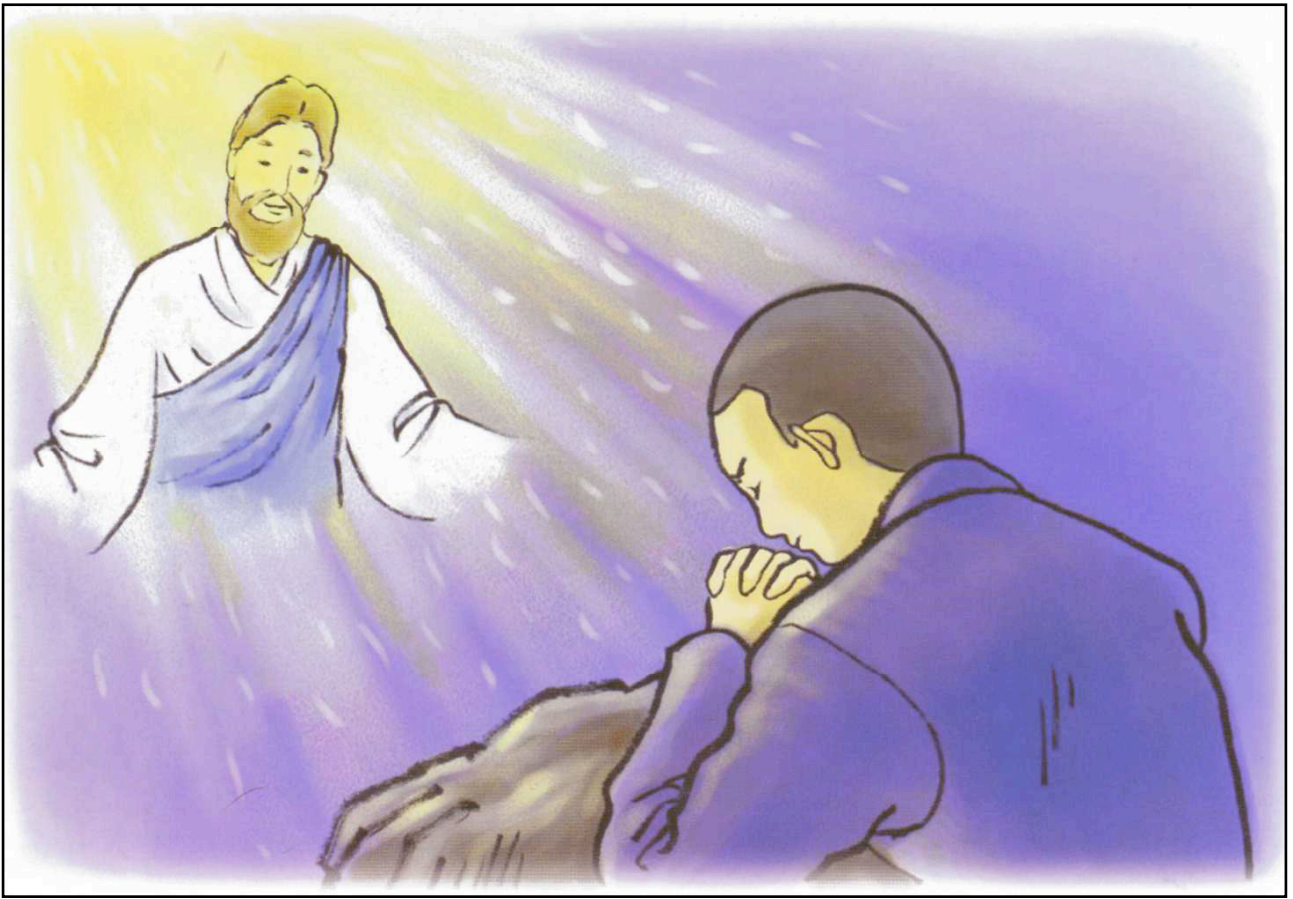
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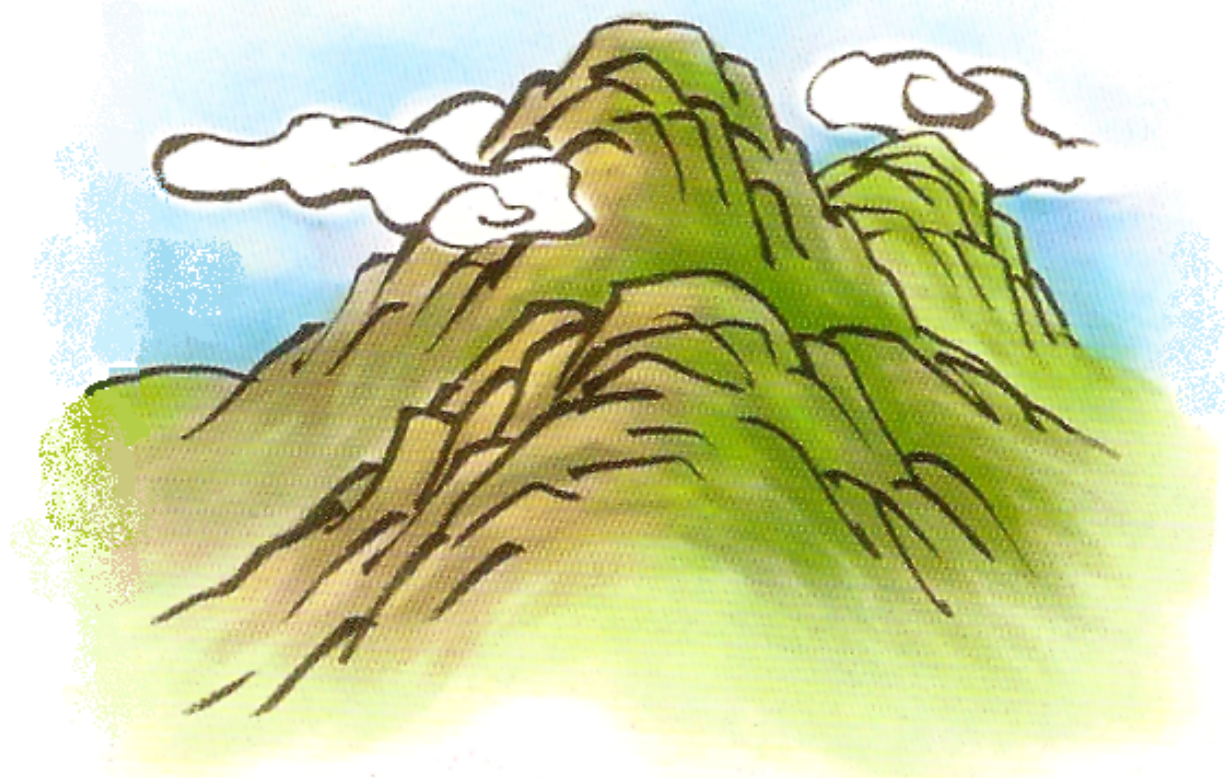
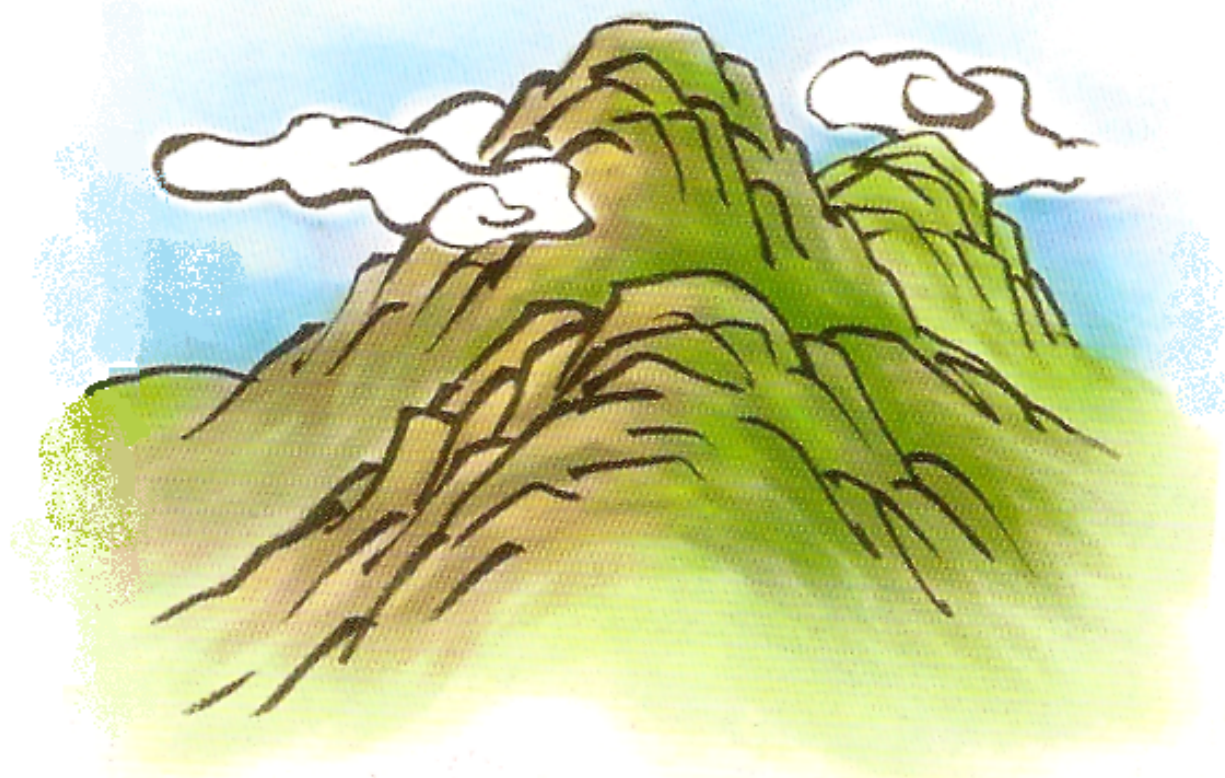
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6) End with a prayer













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